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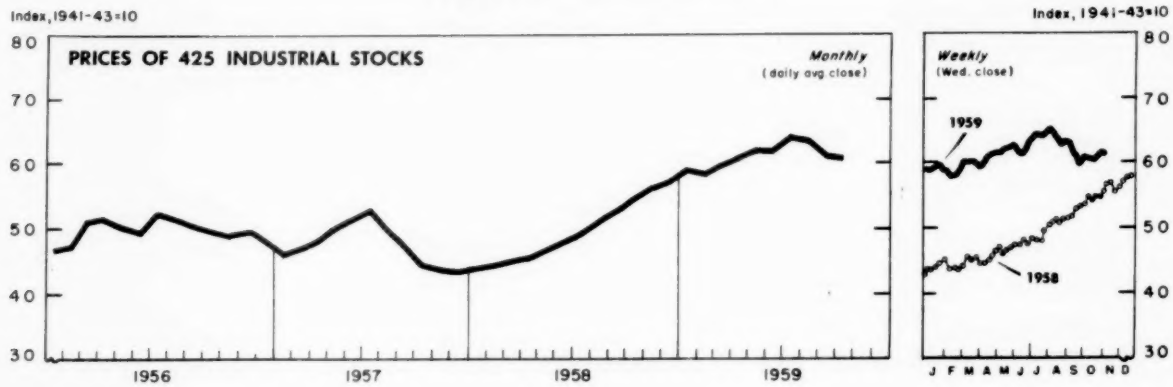

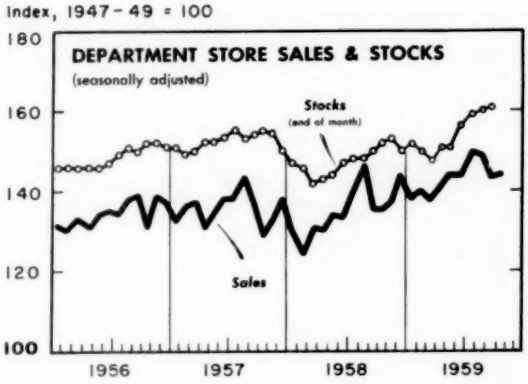

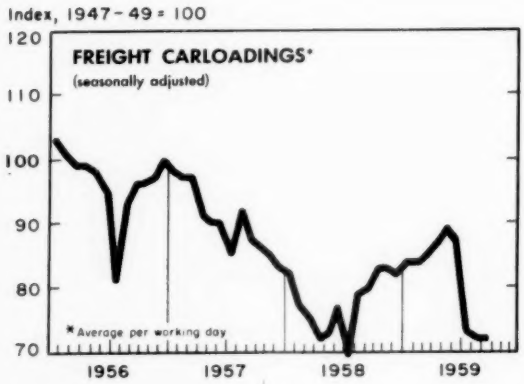

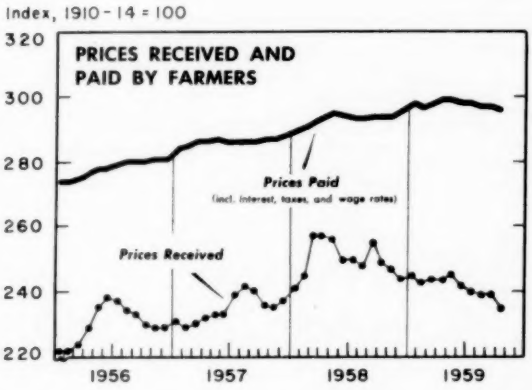

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ITEM	1958		1959			
	Nov. 1	Nov. 8	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	Oct. 31	Nov. 7
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*119.6	119.2	119.1	119.3	119.2
Farm products.....do....	.....	*88.9	86.5	86.1	86.8	86.6
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*107.8	106.2	106.1	106.3	105.8
All other.....do....	.....	*128.4	128.5	128.5	128.6	128.6
22 commodities 2/.....do....	86.8	**87.6	85.6	85.9	86.9	**86.6
Department store sales.....do....	136	148	160	150	145	.....
Insured unemployment, total 3/.....thous..	1,860	1,891	1,456	1,517	.....	.....
State programs (incl. Alaska and Hawaii).....do....	1,676	1,694	1,286	1,346	.....	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	299	331	252	250	273	265
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 4/.....mil. of dol..	31,299	31,422	32,096	32,026	31,873	31,920
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 4/.....do....	26,767	26,694	28,667	28,664	28,353	28,443
Member bank reserve balances 4/.....do....	18,515	18,416	18,501	18,679	18,568	18,711
Excess reserves, estimated 4/.....do....	522	408	475	489	289	378
Reporting member banks (of F.R.System) in leading cities:5/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	61,541	60,749	60,827	60,805	61,239	.....
Time deposits, except interbank.....do....	30,230	30,165	30,590	30,567	30,532	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	#101,792	#101,900	102,790	103,916	103,388	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	34,351	34,260	27,443	28,483	28,194	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	.....	.....	29,704	29,548	29,516	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	11,189	11,244	12,491	12,510	12,527	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 4/.....percent..	4.42	4.42	4.87	4.86	4.85	4.86
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 5/...1941-43=10..	51.19	52.03	56.71	56.55	57.46	57.26
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	54.73	55.65	60.69	60.49	61.62	61.47
Production:						
Bituminous coal 4/.....thous. of short tons..	1,465	1,477	1,329	1,350	1,344	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	12,330	12,311	12,861	12,762	12,978	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, coaches).....number..	120,366	150,407	157,618	133,551	118,102	79,448
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 4/.....thous. of bbl..	6,911	7,003	6,839	6,875	6,887	.....
Steel.....thous. of short tons..	2,024	2,011	368	371	371	368
Percent of capacity.....	##75.0	##74.5	13.0	13.1	13.1	13.0
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	675	658	581	607	588	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	337	328	309	319	306	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Includes data for Alaska and Hawaii, and for the following programs: State; R.R.; Federal employees; veterans; and ex-servicemen. 4/ Daily average. 5/ Wednesday date; leaders indicate data not available. * Monthly index for October 1958. ** Wednesday price. # Not strictly comparable with data for 1959. ## Based on January 1, 1958, annual capacity (140,742,570 tons); not comparable with 1959 rates which are based on January 1, 1959, annual capacity (147,633,670 tons).

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1958		1959			
	September	October	July	August	September	October
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Farm income and marketings:						
Cash receipts from farming, including Government payments, total.....mil. of dol..	3,604	4,031	2,676	2,605	p3,270	.....
Farm marketings and CCC loans, total.....do....	3,337	3,914	2,582	2,573	p3,240	.....
Crops.....do....	1,567	1,961	1,116	1,132	p1,571	.....
Livestock and products, total.....do....	1,770	1,953	1,466	1,441	p1,669	.....
Dairy products.....do....	357	372	385	376	p369	.....
Meat animals.....do....	1,105	1,250	829	817	p1,035	.....
Poultry and eggs.....do....	292	313	230	229	p248	.....
Indexes of cash receipts from marketings and CCC loans, unadjusted:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	137	161	106	106	p133	.....
Crops.....do....	146	183	104	106	p147	.....
Livestock and products.....do....	130	143	108	106	p122	.....
Indexes of volume of farm marketings, unadjusted:						
All commodities.....do....	147	177	121	118	p147	.....
Crops.....do....	160	209	114	110	p157	.....
Livestock and products.....do....	138	153	128	124	p139	.....
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
Engineering construction:						
Contract awards (ENR) 1/.....mil. of dol..	1,348	1,621	2,482	1,495	1,538	1,494
Construction cost indexes:						
Department of Commerce, composite.....1947-49=100..	139	140	142	142	143	.....
Associated General Contractors (all types).....1913=100..	504	504	522	522	525	526
Engineering News-Record: Building 2/.....1947-49=100..	158.7	158.2	163.9	164.4	164.3	163.9
Construction 2/.....do....	171.1	170.9	179.1	179.4	179.1	178.8
DOMESTIC TRADE						
All retail stores: 3/						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	16,326	17,360	18,332	18,054	r17,570	19,024
Durable goods stores.....do....	5,080	5,379	6,419	6,240	r5,709	6,371
Automotive group.....do....	2,447	2,613	3,579	3,410	r2,878	3,474
Furniture and appliance group.....do....	850	932	916	942	r921	1,003
Lumber, building, hardware group.....do....	1,038	1,083	1,135	1,092	1,093	.....

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. 1/ Data for October 1958 and July and October 1959 are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks. 2/ Data reported at the beginning of each month are shown here for the previous month. 3/ Data for October 1959 are advance estimates.

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ITEM	1958		1959			
	September	October	July	August	September	October
DOMESTIC TRADE - Continued						
All retail stores 1/ - Continued						
Estimated sales (unadjusted) - Continued						
Nondurable goods stores.....mil. of dol..	11,246	11,981	11,913	11,814	r11,861	12,653
Apparel group.....do....	1,042	1,135	924	958	r1,120	1,200
Drug and proprietary stores.....do....	538	556	579	587	r591	605
Eating and drinking places.....do....	1,276	1,280	1,458	1,458	r1,378	1,368
Food group.....do....	4,068	4,344	4,481	4,295	r4,215	4,590
Gasoline service stations.....do....	1,346	1,384	1,516	1,504	r1,419	1,445
General merchandise group.....do....	1,781	1,932	1,701	1,843	r1,917	2,109
Estimated sales (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	16,563	16,941	18,296	r18,109	r17,783	18,260
Durable goods stores.....do....	5,095	5,374	6,160	6,095	r5,774	6,302
Automotive group.....do....	2,600	2,819	3,454	3,350	3,105	.....
Furniture and appliance group.....do....	858	871	929	952	928	.....
Lumber, building, hardware group.....do....	926	940	1,009	988	964	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	11,468	11,567	12,136	r12,014	r12,009	11,958
Apparel group.....do....	1,042	1,068	1,133	1,096	1,111	.....
Drug and proprietary stores.....do....	563	568	592	600	618	.....
Eating and drinking places.....do....	1,221	1,244	1,325	r1,295	1,319	.....
Food group.....do....	4,169	4,187	4,289	4,305	4,267	.....
Gasoline service stations.....do....	1,338	1,358	1,404	1,392	1,411	.....
General merchandise group.....do....	1,817	1,805	2,030	1,989	1,958	.....
Estimated inventories:						
Unadjusted, total.....do....	23,680	24,180	24,640	r24,520	24,300	.....
Durable goods stores.....do....	10,110	10,110	11,870	r11,370	10,660	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	13,570	14,070	12,770	r13,150	13,640	.....
Adjusted, total.....do....	23,680	23,490	r25,090	r24,800	24,800	.....
Durable goods stores.....do....	10,480	10,250	r11,900	r11,620	11,500	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	13,200	13,240	13,190	r13,180	13,300	.....
Retail firms with 4 or more stores:						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....do....	4,128	4,533	4,316	4,298	4,371	.....
Retail firms with 11 or more stores:						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....do....	3,566	3,907	3,778	3,777	3,833	.....
Apparel group.....do....	239	251	207	215	267	.....
Drug and proprietary stores.....do....	90	93	100	98	99	.....
Eating and drinking places.....do....	74	76	88	87	84	.....
Furniture, homefurnishings stores.....do....	41	47	36	39	38	.....
General merchandise group.....do....	1,112	1,216	1,063	1,164	1,199	.....
Grocery stores.....do....	1,461	1,648	1,679	1,580	1,562	.....
Lumber, building-materials dealers.....do....	75	78	82	81	80	.....
Tire, battery, accessory stores.....do....	69	76	88	86	78	.....
Estimated sales (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	3,685	3,695	3,984	3,972	3,929	.....
Apparel group.....do....	237	235	266	254	259	.....
Drug and proprietary stores.....do....	94	94	102	103	103	.....
Eating and drinking places.....do....	71	73	83	81	81	.....
Furniture, homefurnishings stores.....do....	43	40	39	39	39	.....
General merchandise group.....do....	1,134	1,134	1,289	1,273	1,211	.....
Grocery stores.....do....	1,555	1,570	1,619	1,635	1,649	.....
Lumber, building-materials dealers.....do....	64	67	72	71	68	.....
Tire, battery, accessory stores.....do....	73	74	80	82	82	.....
Department store sales, United States total:						
Unadjusted index.....1947-49=100..	137	141	121	132	rp144	p151
Seasonally adjusted index.....do....	135	135	150	149	rp143	p144
Wholesale trade:						
Sales, estimated (unadjusted), total.....bil. of dol..	11.9	12.8	12.7	12.2	13.0	.....
Durable goods establishments.....do....	4.4	4.7	4.9	4.7	4.9	.....
Nondurable goods establishments.....do....	7.5	8.1	7.8	7.5	8.1	.....
Inventories, estimated (unadjusted), total.....do....	11.7	11.9	12.4	12.4	12.5	.....
Durable goods establishments.....do....	6.1	6.1	6.7	6.6	6.5	.....
Nondurable goods establishments.....do....	5.6	5.8	5.7	5.9	6.0	.....
	August	September	June	July	August	September
FINANCE						
Bonds:						
Average price of all listed bonds (N.Y.S.E.).....dollars..	92.32	91.74	89.17	89.32	88.22	87.71
Domestic.....do....	92.47	91.90	89.19	89.36	88.22	87.79
Foreign.....do....	81.46	80.72	87.88	87.08	87.24	81.80
Value, issues listed on New York Stock Exchange:						
Market value, total, all issues.....mil. of dol..	110,165	107,711	105,872	106,135	r103,924	103,473
Domestic.....do....	107,683	105,251	102,219	102,511	101,253	100,826
Foreign.....do....	1,462	1,448	2,569	2,538	r1,585	1,573
Face value, total, all issues.....do....	119,336	117,407	118,725	118,822	r117,895	117,967
Domestic.....do....	116,455	114,527	114,607	114,711	114,776	114,846
Foreign.....do....	1,795	1,794	2,923	2,914	r1,922	1,923
Stocks:						
Shares listed, New York Stock Exchange:						
Market value, all listed shares.....mil. of dol..	237,509	248,388	298,785	309,520	304,569	290,564
Number of shares listed.....millions..	4,906	4,916	5,463	5,502	5,510	5,629
ELECTRIC POWER						
Electric power:						
Production, total.....mil. of kw.-hr..	63,280	60,689	67,390	68,539	69,562	64,846
Electric utilities.....do....	56,645	53,993	59,840	61,695	63,084	58,585
Industrial establishments.....do....	6,634	6,696	7,550	6,844	6,478	6,261

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	August	September	June	July	August	September
ELECTRIC POWER - Continued						
Electric power - Continued						
Sales to ultimate customers, total (Edison Electric Institute)....mil. of kw.-hr..	48,997	49,233	52,120	52,661	53,658	.....
Commercial and industrial:						
Small light and power....do....	9,494	9,366	9,433	10,114	10,611	.....
Large light and power....do....	23,445	23,878	26,550	25,531	25,297	.....
Railways and railroads....do....	293	289	282	277	363	.....
Residential or domestic....do....	12,893	12,943	13,008	13,681	14,190	.....
Rural (district rural rates)....do....	1,313	1,170	1,191	1,408	1,499	.....
Street and highway lighting....do....	419	448	404	415	446	.....
Other public authorities....do....	1,078	1,083	1,193	1,170	1,193	.....
Interdepartmental....do....	61	56	59	65	60	.....
Revenue from sales to ultimate customers (Edison Electric Institute)....mil. of dol..	836.9	840.9	867.2	886.2	906.9	.....
FOODS AND KINDRED PRODUCTS						
Vegetable oils, and related products:						
Coconut oil:						
Production, crude....mil. of lb..	38.9	35.1	41.4	34.0	42.4	38.1
Corn oil:						
Production, crude....do....	23.8	23.4	26.9	24.4	26.7	25.8
Cottonseed:						
Consumption (crushings)....thous. of short tons..	147.6	306.8	116.6	97.4	149.3	501.1
Stocks (at oil mills), end of month....do....	331.4	506.8	130.0	100.3	265.5	887.5
Cottonseed cake and meal:						
Production....do....	69.4	135.1	55.1	45.5	70.1	226.9
Stocks (at oil mills), end of month....do....	78.4	71.2	153.7	116.3	87.8	97.0
Cottonseed oil:						
Production, crude....mil. of lb..	48.1	96.3	41.5	35.0	50.3	163.4
Flaxseed:						
Consumption (crushings)....thous. of short tons..	52.4	71.7	37.9	54.8	81.7	83.0
Stocks (at oil mills), end of month....do....	83.1	164.3	48.7	70.0	67.7	93.4
Linseed oil:						
Production, crude (raw)....mil. of lb..	37.2	51.5	26.8	39.3	58.9	59.0
Soybeans:						
Consumption (crushings)....thous. of short tons..	948.6	752.0	994.7	957.4	888.8	823.8
Stocks (at oil mills), end of month....do....	419.7	416.1	1,346.5	1,090.8	501.9	750.5
Soybean cake and meal:						
Production....mil. of lb..	1,481.1	1,182.6	1,540.4	1,491.4	1,395.4	1,270.6
Stocks (at oil mills), end of month....do....	169.2	96.1	306.4	232.8	193.0	108.2
Soybean oil:						
Production, crude....do....	340.9	269.8	355.2	344.1	318.6	296.9
LUMBER AND MANUFACTURES						
Lumber (National Lumber Manufacturers Association):						
Production, total....mil. of bd. ft..	3,056	3,143	3,216	3,136	3,171	3,324
Softwoods....do....	2,461	2,524	2,617	2,513	2,528	2,689
Shipments, total....do....	3,103	3,195	3,217	3,145	3,137	3,119
Softwoods....do....	2,533	2,621	2,659	2,608	2,530	2,553
Stocks (gross), mill, end of month, total....do....	9,070	9,018	8,778	8,782	8,816	9,022
Softwoods....do....	5,568	5,471	5,181	5,100	5,099	5,235

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